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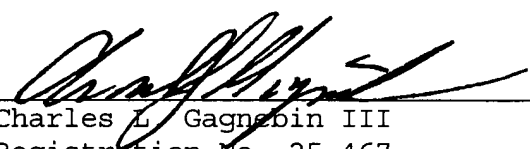
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application : PONTUS ANDERSSON
Application No. : 10/608,995
Filed : June 27, 2003
Confirmation No. : 6412
For : ASSEMBLY SYSTEM FOR A PIPE COUPLING
Examiner :
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TC Art Unit: 3679

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the
enclosed references listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The
paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure
Statement.

- [] (1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached
Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three
months of the filing date of the above identified national
application or within three months of the date of entry of the
national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 of the above
identified application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that
no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [] (2) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), applicant(s) believes the
attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before
the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits.
Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

[] (3) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

[X] (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:

[X] a statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e); or

[] the fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(d)

[] (5) Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petitions the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement which is being filed on or before payment of the issue fee. This petition is accompanied by a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (1)

[] (6) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (2)

[X] (7) The undersigned hereby states that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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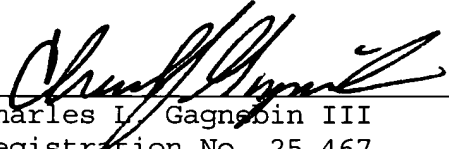
The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation by the undersigned as to personal knowledge of the contents of every word or phrase of the material enclosed or that reliance on other suitably trained professionals has not been made.

If a search report of a searching agency is enclosed identifying the nature of the relevance of each document, such a designation is deemed to satisfy 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) even if in a foreign language because the codes are the same in all languages. However, applicant(s) does not necessarily adopt the position reflected by that report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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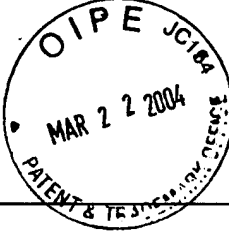
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